

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 18, 2011
7:15 PM**

Council President Manna called the meeting to order at 7:35PM. He apologized for starting the meeting late and explained that there were issues the Governing Body had to address at the Executive Meeting. He also stated that Mayor McHale and Councilman Caspare were not present due to illness.

Flag Salute; Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to *The Record* and the *Press Journal*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call:

Council members Carrick, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present
Councilman Caspare-excused absence
Mayor McHale-excused absence

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Stylianou
Second: Councilman Freeman
All in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the January 4, 2011 Sine Die minutes: Councilwoman Zamechansky
Second: Councilman Freeman
Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Freeman, Stylianou, Zamechansky, Council President Manna-yes
Motion to approve the January 4, 2011 Reorganization minutes: Councilman Stylianou
Second: Councilman Freeman
Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Freeman, Stylianou, Zamechansky, Council President Manna-yes

Administrator Perkins' Report

Bussell Court and Short Street project is basically finished.
The Library project has been extended until spring due to weather.
The DPW has done a great job during the last few snowstorms.
Green Acres will be coming to inspect all parks in town.
The tax collector has reported that 98.73% taxes have been collected.
The insurance company paid for the contaminated oil cleanup, which resulted from someone dropping off oil containing PCB's.

Mr. Sweeney from the DEP called and said there is no funding available to assist the Borough with the issues at the DPW or TwinBoro Field.

The Fire Departments were inspected by OSHA and other than a couple of minor issues, which have been abated, they received a clean bill of health.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Freeman

Board of Education

Their current target for the budget is 2%, in line with the cap.

Soccer nets were donated by the Dumont Athletic Boosters and Dumont Soccer Association in the amount of \$5,656.

Mr. Cartotto and Mr. Perkins had discussed solar panels at the schools.

- Councilman Stylianou

5K Run

The Run will take place on Dumont Day, September 10th.

Volunteers are needed.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

Senior Citizens

They will be attending N.J. Pac's presentation of South Pacific on January 27th.

There will be a Super Bowl party February 6th.

The Valentine's Day party is February 14th.

Recreation

A co-ed volleyball evening for residents 35 and older will be held at Honiss School.

Certification courses for minors will be held February 22nd and for adults will be February 15th.

Ambulance

Congratulations to them for their 74th year of service. Councilman Caspare and she went to their dinner where officers for 2011 were sworn in.

January 24th the Police Department and Chamber of Commerce will be holding a blood drive at Calvary Church from 3:30PM-7:30PM.

- Councilman Carrick

DPW

They did a fine job with the snowstorms.

Celebrations

The Memorial Day parade will revert back to the original route. Volunteers are needed.

- Councilman Manna

Police

The Dispatch Center received 3,817 calls.

Patrol officers issued 428 motor vehicle summonses, effected 5 A.T.S. warrant arrests.

The Detective Bureau investigated 58 criminal cases.

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Carrick requested that Resolutions #46, #47, #50, #55 and #56 be moved to Non-consent.

Council President Manna added that Resolutions #38 and #47 are also on non-consent and Resolutions #41, #51, #52 and #53 have been pulled from the agenda as was discussed during the Executive meeting.

Councilman Stylianou explained that only one submission was received for each of the professionals pulled. Certain members of the Governing Body felt that it would be appropriate to readvertise to see if there was anyone else who might be interested in these positions.

#11-34 Antonio J. Spina Jr.- Accept Application as member of the Fire Department *

#11-35 Kevin Gynegrowski- Accept Application as member of the Fire Department *

#11-36 Anthony R. Amico- Accept Application as member of the Fire Department *

#11-37 Nicholas P. Blake- Accept Application as member of the Fire Department *

#11-39 Approval of Dumont High School Athletic Boosters Off-premise Merchandise

Raffle Application to be held February 24, 2011, RL#331, ID#109-5-24823 *

#11-40 Approval of Council Committees *

#11-41 Appointment of McNerney & Associates-Borough Appraiser 2011- **pulled**

#11-42 Appointment of Mikesell & Associates; DMR Architects; Arcari & Iovino;

Ronald Schmidt & Associates-Borough Architects 2011*

#11-43 Appointment of Gregg F. Paster & Associates-Borough Attorney 2011 *

#11-44 Appointment of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins-Borough Auditor 2011 *

#11-45 Appointment of Wilentz Goldman & Spitzer-Bond Counsel 2011 *

#11-48 Appointment of Mikesell & Associates and Ronald Schmidt & Associates

Historic Architects 2011 *

#11-49 Appointment of Chasan Leyner & Lamparello-Labor Attorney 2011 *

#11-51 Appointment of Morrison Mahoney-Alternate Court Prosecutor 2011- **pulled**

#11-52 Appointment of Breslin & Breslin-Court Prosecutor 2011-**pulled**

#11-53 Appointment of Mateo Perez-Public Defender 2011 -**pulled**

#11-54 Appointment of Brown & Brown-Risk Management 2011 *

#11-57 Appointment of Gittleman Muhlstock & Chewcaskie-Tax Appeal Attorney 2011 *

Motion to adopt resolutions remaining on Consent Agenda: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

Motion to open to the public: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Freeman, Stylianou, Zamechansky, Council President Manna-yes

Non-Consent Agenda

#11-38 Bills List

Motion: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky, Council President Manna-yes
Councilman Freeman abstained. He didn't have enough time to ask questions.

Councilwoman Zamechansky abstained.

Motion to open to the public on the remaining Non-consent items: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

#11-46 Appointment of Maser Consulting-COAH Affairs 2011

Motion: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Stylianou

Roll call vote: Council members Stylianou, Zamechansky, Council President Manna-yes

Council members Carrick and Freeman-no

#11-47 Appointment of T&M Associates-Borough Engineer 2011

Motion: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Stylianou, Zamechansky, Council President Manna-yes

Council members Carrick and Freeman-no. Councilman Freeman stated that he had asked T&M to give a fairness opinion on an eight to ten page proposal by Alaimo regarding TwinBoro Field. At the next meeting the engineer said the proposal was fair with no explanation. He was told he would receive something in writing to validate his opinion but never did.

#11-50 Appointment of Remington & Vernick Engineers; Maser Consulting; Mikesell
& Associates and Birdsall Services-Borough Planners 2011

Motion: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Stylianou

Councilman Carrick is not happy with Maser or Birdsall and feels they should not be included on the resolution.

Councilman Stylianou clarified that following consultation with the Borough Attorney, it is his understanding that these individuals will not do work unless there is further action by the Council. The bidding process would not pertain to professional services.

Roll call vote: Council members Freeman, Stylianou, Zamechansky, Council President Manna-yes

Councilman Carrick-no

#11-55 Appointment of Waters McPherson McNeill; Eric Bernstein & Associates; Florio & Kenny; Scarinci Hollenbeck; Elsbeth Crusius; Chasan Leyner & Lamparello and Nowell
Amoroso Klein Bierman-Special Counsel 2011

Motion: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Council members Carrick, Freeman and Stylianou said that Mr. Bernstein is unprofessional and his level of service was not always the way it should be.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Freeman, Stylianou, Zamechansky, Council President Manna-yes

#11-56 Appointment of Remington & Vernick Engineers; T&M Associates; Maser Consulting; Alaimo Group; CCMS Corp.; Boswell Engineering; Birdsall Services and Neglia Engineering-Special Projects Engineers 2011

Motion: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

Councilwoman Zamechansky said that having worked closely with the Alaimo Group on different projects, she was not happy with their work.

Council members Carrick, Freeman and Stylianou said that Alaimo Group did a disgraceful job on the fields and was unresponsive.

Roll call vote: Council members Freeman, Stylianou, Zamechansky, Council President Manna-yes

Councilman Carrick-no

ORDINANCES

First Reading

#1426 Amendment to Chapter 216 FIRE PREVENTION of the Dumont Code

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

This ordinance will codify existing fees in Chapter 216.

Motion to adopt on first reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

#1427 Amendment to Chapter 21 of the Dumont Code-No Parking South Side of Dixon Avenue 7:00-9:00AM, Monday through Friday

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Councilman Stylianou said that he spoke to Chief Venezia. After looking into the issue, the Police Department is against any changes. On all traffic and safety issues, he said he would defer to the Police Department.

Motion to adopt on first reading- none

Ordinance introduction failed.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

1. Jason Ariano, 32 Dixon Avenue, stated that he feels that 7-9 is ineffective. During summer and early fall it is bumper to bumper traffic on Dixon. Cars block the apron. It is a dangerous situation. He respects the Police Department but will contact them to see if anything can be done.
2. Mrs. Ariano, 32 Dixon Avenue, said that she can't see when backing out of her driveway. People are backing into the driveway. She suggested one side of the street parking.

3. Alexandra Franz, 30 Chestnut Street, spoke of a sign “visual and hearing impaired resident in area” at Medford Avenue. She is a deaf education major and said that “impaired” is an insult to deaf people. The sign should be changed.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Stylianos

All in favor.

Council President Manna read the resolution to go into closed session to discuss matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property.

Motion: Councilman Stylianos

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Motion to recess: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Stylianos

All in favor.

Motion to go back into public: Councilman Stylianos

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Resolution #11-58 Motion to authorize readvertisement for Appraiser, Court Prosecutor, Alternate Court Prosecutor and Public Defender: Councilman Stylianos

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Freeman, Stylianos, Zamechansky, Council President Manna-yes

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Stylianos

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Borough Clerk